रेल मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) यह कहना सही नहीं है कि नई दिल्ली-भोपाल मार्ग, जिस पर शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस चलती है, पर संरक्षा नियमों का उल्लंघन होता है । इस मार्ग के लिए निर्धारित गिट्टी की गहराई सहित न्यूनतम रेलपथ मानकों की व्यवस्था की गई है । संरक्षा को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए रेलपथ अभिलेखी यानों, दोलनलेखी यानों और पराश्रव्य संसूचकों द्वारा रेलपथ की गहन निगरानी की जा रही है । अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों द्वारा निरंतर निरीक्षण सुनिश्चित किए जा रहे है । ऐसी निगरानी के आधार पर पर्याप्त अनुरक्षण की व्यवस्था की जाती है जिससे कि न केवल संरक्षा की स्थिति में रेलपथ का अनुरक्षण किया जाता बल्कि यात्रियों को आरामदायक यात्रा की भी व्यवस्था की जाती है ।

Low consumption of fertilisers

1135. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of fertilizers per hectare in the country is very low as compared to the other countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The overall consumption of fertiliser in the country is provisionally estimated to be 63.86 Kg./ha. during 1988-89. The per hectare consumption is higher than in Australia, Canada and some other countries, but lower than that of Japan, United Kingdom and certain other countries.

(b) The lower level of fertiliser consumption than some countries is because about 70 per cent of the gross cropped areas is un-irrigated and, therefore, less fertiliser is used by the farmers. Rainfed areas also exhibit lesser cultivation of fertiliser responsive high yielding varieties which in turn results in lower fertiliser consumption.

Abolition of post of General Manager, Govt. of India Press, Minto Road (New Delhi)

1136. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of General Manager was abolished in the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi some time in the Year, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is again some move to create the post of General Manager by down grading the post of Joint Director (Tech.) or to transfer the person holding the same post from the Government of India Press, Nasik;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the action being contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Inquiry into concealment of production capacity by Fertilizer plants

1137. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the multinational financing institutions have been inquiring into the alleged concealment of production capacities by the country's urea and ammonia plants;